Park Avenue Synagogue ק"ק אגודת ישרים

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Park Avenue Synagogue, Israel and You 2004

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From the
Rabbi's Desk

On the weekend of February 6th and 7th, our congregation will participate in what has become an annual event of ever-growing proportions and popularity, The *Shabbaton*. While everyone involved in the planning is confident that the program will be an excellent one (more about the program a bit further down), I want to focus initially on what transpires at every *Shabbaton*, regardless of the speaker or the topic. By the time the *Shabbaton* concludes, there is a shared sense of togetherness, of community, of commonality of purpose, of belonging, that emerges among the *Shabbaton* participants. Structured around the *Shabbat* services and meals, the program becomes progressively less formal as we proceed from Friday night to *Shabbat* afternoon to *Havdallah*, encouraging congregants to get to know each other as the "*Shabbaton* experience" deepens and people relax and "open up" more and more. Between the meals, the afternoon workshops (which tend to be interactive) and the breaks, during which many individuals choose to remain in the Synagogue building, the *Shabbaton* affords a unique opportunity to meet and to develop new or deeper relationships. Lastly, the *Shabbaton* fosters an appreciation of *Shabbat*, of the wisdom of setting aside a day when our everyday concerns are held in abeyance. *Shabbat* is "a palace in time" for the soul, for spiritual nourishment, for intellectual stimulation, for personal and interpersonal enhancement.

By now you have seen the theme for our *Shabbaton* in several places and formats: "Our Heart Is in the East: The Place of Israel in the Lives of American Jewry." The title is based on a paraphrase of a very famous lament uttered by the medieval poet and philosopher Yehuda HaLevi, "My heart is in the East, but I am at the edge of the West" (Spain). It expresses our love for Israel, our concern for her people, her safety, her place in the world, and our ambiguous and, oft-times, disquieting feelings about where we belong and where our allegiances lie.

Those who know Dr. Daniel Gordis, whether personally or by reputation, are both impressed and envious that we have the good fortune of hosting him as our Scholar-in-Residence. You can get some idea of just how talented he is and why he is the ideal person to help us grapple with 'the place of Israel in our lives' by sampling his books. For starters, I would recommend *Home to Stay: One American Family's Chronicle of Miracles and Struggles in Contemporary Israel* or *If a Place Can Make You Cry: Dispatches from an Anxious State.*

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES
January 2004

Friday evening, January 2 ..... 6:15 pm

Saturday morning, January 3
- *Hashkama* Service ..... 7:30 am
- Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am

Friday evening, January 9 ..... 6:15 pm

Children's January Birthday Celebration

Saturday morning, January 10
- *Hashkama* Service ..... 7:30 am
- Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am

Bar Mitzvah of Harold Lander, son of Rosanne & Guy Lander

- *Havurah* Service ..... 9:30 am
- Tot *Shabbat* Service ..... 11:15 am

Followed by Tot *Shabbat* Lunch (Reservations required)

Friday evening, January 16
- *Rinah U'Tefilah* Song and Prayer Service ..... 6:15 pm

Followed by *Shabbat* Literary Dinner (Reservations required)

Saturday morning, January 17
- *Hashkama* Service ..... 7:30 am
- Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am

Bat Mitzvah of Grace Emily Mandelsberg, daughter of Andrea & Steven Mandelsberg

Friday evening, January 23 ..... 6:15 pm

Saturday morning, January 24
- *Hashkama* Service ..... 7:30 am
- Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am

Bat Mitzvah of Susan Moskovits, daughter of Ronit & Tibor Moskovits

- *Havurah* Service ..... 9:30 am
- Tot *Shabbat* Service ..... 11:15 am

Friday evening, January 30 ..... 6:15 pm

Saturday morning, January 31
- *Hashkama* Service ..... 7:30 am
- *Shabbat* Morning Plus Sanctuary Service ..... 9:15 am

Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern and Rabbi Paulette R. Posner will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

You can also read many of his articles online at http://www.topica.com/lists/gordis/read. Most recently, Gordis wrote an excellent rebuttal and analysis of the controversial Tony Judt essay, which appeared in the *New York Review of Books*.

The *Shabbaton* begins with our musically enhanced *Rinah U'Tefilah* services on Friday night, followed by a Congregational Dinner (reservation required!) and the first of several presentations by Rabbi Gordis. Following dinner he will lead a special session with our teenagers.

On *Shabbat* morning, Rabbi Gordis will speak from the *bimah* in the Main Sanctuary. Parents of Congregational School students will be encouraged to hear him while their children are meeting with post-army Israeli youth educators. *Havurah* participants will join the Sanctuary service for his presentation.

Two afternoon sessions will be preceded by lunch (again, by reservation only), and just before the brief *Minha* (afternoon) and *Ma'ariv* (evening) services, we will have a special *se'udah sh'lishit* (third meal) / *T"U B'Sh'vat* Seder because it so happens that February 7th is *T"U B'Sh'vat*. At the *Shabbaton* three years ago we held such a Seder as part of lunch and it was enthusiastically received, especially by those who had never been to one before. (Not to worry: the *T"U B'Sh'vat* Seder, unlike the Passover Seder, lasts only about 20 minutes; their common feature is four cups of wine or grape juice.) And we will conclude a day that is rich in every sense of the word with a *Havdallah* program led by our own musician/educators Brian Gelfand, Jody Prusan and Jonathan Bayer.

There is no better way to feel a part of our Synagogue, to experience its intimacy (yes, more and more our *shul* is becoming an intimate place!), and to explore honestly and in depth a topic that is vital to our identity as Jews. If you come to the *Shabbaton*, you will not be disappointed. For more details, see page 12.

Kenneth A. Stern,
Rabbi

From the Chairman

In these times, when Israel needs us most, it is with great pride that I announce that 2004 is Park Avenue Synagogue's "Israel Year." All of our programs will have an Israeli theme. Our schools, each of our arms, all of our constituencies will explore different aspects of Israel and our relationship to Israel. First is our *Shabbaton*, "Our Heart Is in the East: The Place of Israel in the Lives of American Jewry" on February 6-7. *Yom Ha'Atzma'ut* will be celebrated on May 2nd with a visit from *Tzofim*, an amazing group of Israeli teenagers. The year will culminate with a Congregational Trip to Israel the last week of December. Paul Corwin chairs the Board Committee responsible for the year's programming. Look for the symbol above, which will identify P.A.S. Israel activities, and plan to participate. This is an exciting and wonderful year for Park Avenue Synagogue, and I'm glad that all of you will be a part of it.

Amy A.B. Bressman,
Chairman of the Board

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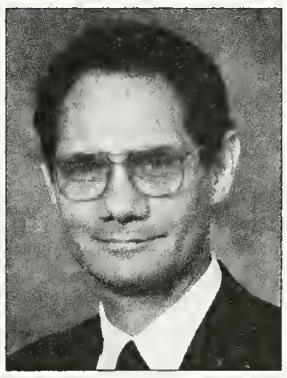
Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings

Learn from the Experts: Come to the Men's Club Annual Investment Forum

All congregants are invited on **Tuesday, January 13**, at 7:30 pm, when the Park Avenue Synagogue Men's Club kicks off 2004 with its annual Investment Forum, featuring two of our congregants. We are honored that this year's seminar will again be hosted by Maury Harris, Ph.D., who will discuss the future of the U.S. economy. Then Charlie Temel will explain the best investment strategies for the likely economic climate.



Maury Harris, Ph.D

Charlie Temel

Dr. Harris is currently the Chief U.S. Economist for UBS. In that capacity, he has been on *The Institutional Investor* All American Research Team for thirteen years.

Charlie Temel is a Certified Investment Management Analyst and Senior Vice President - Investments with UBS Financial Services. He has 26 years of experience in advising individuals, families and corporations. All congregants are welcome without charge; light refreshments will be served.

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Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings

Israeli Soldiers Talk About Life on the Frontlines

Learn what life is like for Israeli soldiers as they work toward peace, when the Young Couples Group presents "Life on the Frontlines: Israeli Soldiers Speak About Their Struggle for Peace." Jan and Robert Gilman will host the presentation on **Wednesday, January 14** at 7:45 pm. in their home at 188 East 76th Street, Apt. 21B. Cocktails and *hors d'oeuvres* will be served. For more information or to R.S.V.P., please contact Suzette Rubinstein at arubinstein5@nyc.rr.com or Sheri Bleustein at smbleustein@aol.com.

Experience Jewish History on a Sisterhood Tour

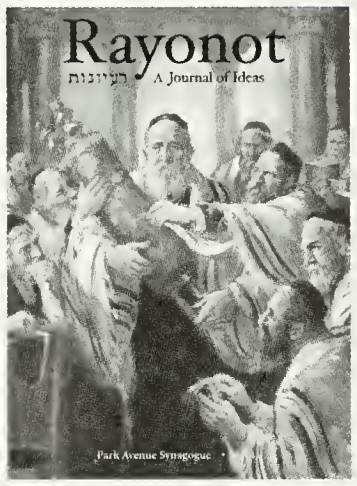
Join Sisterhood on **Tuesday, January 20** at 1:00 pm for a fascinating guided tour of the Center for Jewish History at 15 West 16th Street. The museum is filled with over 500,000 books, magnificent art, and Jewish memorabilia from throughout time. There will be time to view the collections and socialize with friends.

Havdallah Art Workshop: Create Your Own *Besamim* (Spice) Box

Family Education / *Kehillah* invites you to spend a winter afternoon learning about *Havdallah* (the ending ceremony of *Shabbat*) and creating a lasting ritual object for use at home. Creating a Spice Box is a great way to prepare for our annual *Shabbaton* in February, as we will use the objects created to perform *Havdallah* with the congregation. This workshop on **Sunday, January 25**, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm, is perfect for the whole family! **(Note the change in date.)**

A Literary *Shabbat* Evening & *Rinah U'Tefilah* Service

Join us on **Friday, January 16** when we will have a special opportunity to honor congregants who have made two literary undertakings possible, *Rayanot*, our new literary journal, and *Siddur Tisha B'Av*, a new Rabbinical Assembly prayerbook edited by our own Rabbi Lincoln. The evening will begin with a joyful Friday evening *Rinah U'Tefilah* service at 6:15 pm. Following services, we will join in a *Shabbat* dinner honoring the many congregants who have contributed to these two outstanding literary works, including *Rayanot* editors Jean Rosensaft & Joan Schefler, and authors Dr. Sheila Erlich, Harrison J. Goldin, Jerry Goodman, Michael S. Kogan, Cantor David



Lefkowitz, Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Henry D. Michelman, Barrie Modlin, Rabbi Judah Nadich, Menachem Z. Rosensaft, Susanna Shapiro, and Ronald M. Soiefer. At the same time, the Sollar-Eisen family will be honored for their support of *Rayonot*, and Lawrence G. Soicher and family will be honored for making possible the publication *of Siddur Tisha B'Av*. For dinner reservations, call Liya Eidya at (212) 369-2600, ext. 120.

Israel Lives Through Its Land

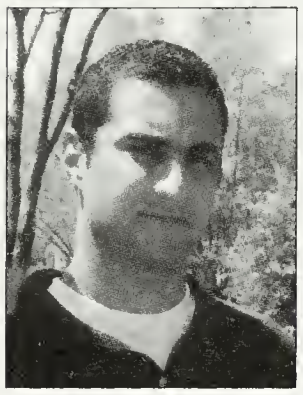
Learn about the land, sea and air problems of Israel and neighboring countries. Hear how political animosity is put aside at a school at Kibbutz Ketura for the sake of finding solutions to prevent deterioration of the species. Congregants and friends are invited to WEG's pre-*T"U B'Sh'vat* program featuring Rabbi Michael M. Cohen, Director of the ARAVA Institute for Environmental Studies (AIES) on **Monday, January 26**, at 7:30 pm. AIES is an Israeli Regional Center for conservation and environmental protection activities where Middle Eastern and Western university students work side by side for the land and develop positive relationships in the process.

Honoring Our Seniors at *Shabbat* Morning Plus!

The *parsha* for *Shabbat Bo* states, "We will go forward with our young and old." We will do that on **Saturday, January 31** at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary as we invite those 70+ in age to participate in the *Shabbat* Morning Plus service and we honor our children at the same time. Everyone regardless of age will experience a unique and expanded spirit as music bursts forth from every corner! And with our Choir and Congregational Singers spread throughout the Sanctuary, everyone will be empowered to be "singers of the Congregational Choir." Come and experience an uplifting *Shabbat* morning as we honor our seniors. Make the service even more meaningful by coming to a rehearsal on **Tuesday, January 27** at 7:00 pm to learn the melodies we will sing. The next *Shabbat* Morning Plus service will be on May 15.

Israel and Peace: An Interactive Forum and Brunch

Does the only practical solution to peace in the Middle East entail a solid fence and a hard line? Two members of the P.A.S. community, Jonathan Lincoln and P.A.S. President Menachem Z. Rosensaft, will discuss the path toward peace at a Men's Club Brunch on **Sunday, February 1** at 10:00 am. To heighten interest, congregants are invited to submit questions in advance for our distinguished panel by emailing MensClub@pasyn.org or faxing (212) 695-6449 (please include your name and contact information).


Jonathan Lincoln

Menachem Rosensaft, recipient of the 2003 Elie Wiesel Holocaust Remembrance Award of Israel Bonds, is a former national president of the Labor Zionist Alliance. In December 1988, he was one of five American Jews who met with Yassir Arafat and other Palestinian leaders in Stockholm, Sweden, resulting in the PLO's first public recognition of Israel. He has written on the Middle East peace process *for The New York Times, Newsweek, Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post*, and other publications.

Menachem Rosensaft

Jonathan Lincoln speaks Arabic and Hebrew, has studied Islamic culture in Yemen and elsewhere, and now serves as Senior Research Associate to the U.S./Middle East Project at the Council on Foreign Relations. He holds a Master's Degree in Middle East Government and Politics from the School of Oriental and African Studies at London University.

All congregants are urged to attend the Brunch and the 9:00 am *Shacharit* Service that precedes it. The *Minyan* is also the occasion for the "World Wide Wrap" when members of Conservative Men's Clubs internationally come to their *shuls* to "lay" *Tefillin* and pray. Those who desire may come to the *Minyan* a few minutes early to borrow *Tefillin* and/or receive instruction on how to put them on. The Brunch is free of charge for Men's Club members; $10 per person for non-members. Please R.S.V.P. to Fred Mirsky (212) 371-3933.

A Look Back at *Mitzvah* Sunday

Hundreds of congregants and friends of all ages, including families of the Early Childhood Center and the Congregational School, students of the High School, members of all the arms, and the clergy filled the Synagogue and poured out into our city on *Mitzvah* Sunday to brighten and better the lives of those in need. In the process, our lives were brightened.

Thank you to our 2003 *Mitzvah* Sunday co-chairs Kathy Grunfeld and Lite Sabin, and to the Project Captains: Lucy Becker, Brooke Cohen, Perry Cohen, Harriet Feiwel, Leon Heller, Gail Horn, Shelly Katz-Biederman, Marcy Lehrman, Susan Lincoln, Sheila Miller, Marlene Muskin, Beth Rosenthal, Annette Sherman, Heidi Silverstone, Vera Wolff Sullivan and others. Thanks, too, to all those who volunteered. and helped. *Mitzvah* Sunday was organized by the *Tikkun Olam* Committee for Community Outreach.

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JANUARY *B'nai Mitzvah*

Harold Lander

January 10, 2004

Harold Lander has been part of the Park Avenue Synagogue community since he was three years old. He attends the Congregational School and plans to continue through High School. Harold is in the seventh grade at Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School. He loves math and science. His family is always finding his scientific experiments around the house, especially in the freezer! Harold has a great sense of humor and is very sensitive and caring toward others. For the past three summers, Harold has gone to Camp Chipinaw in the Catskills where he especially loves to swim and play tennis. Harold lives with his parents and his sister, Rachel. Harold thanks the clergy and administration at Park Avenue Synagogue for helping him prepare for his *Bar Mitzvah* and making him feel at home in the Synagogue.

Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

The Park Avenue Synagogue *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee reaches out in complete confidence to the ill, elderly and homebound in friendship and companionship through telephone calls and/or visits. If you would like to be contacted by one of its caring, dedicated volunteers, or know someone who might benefit from the committee's attention, please contact Rabbi Lincoln's secretary, Liya, at (212) 369-2600.

Grace Emily Mandelsberg

January 17, 2004

Grace Mandelsberg has been actively involved in Park Avenue Synagogue since she was two years old, beginning in the Early Childhood Center and continuing through the Congregational School.

An outstanding seventh-grade student at Trinity School, Grace especially enjoys creative writing and science. Her in-depth scientific study of expanding fabrics to provide clothing to the needy earned her a Toshiba ExploraVision Contest award. Trained as a classical flutist since the second grade, Grace was recently invited to join her school's jazz orchestra. Grace is also a talented artist whose paintings are displayed throughout her school, and is an active member of both the Trinity volleyball and swim teams. Grace's kind and gentle personality always attracts children to her; this is particularly evident when she is tutoring youngsters in community service and visiting with her many cousins.

Always eager to travel, Grace loved cruising the Caribbean last year with her grandmother and cousins. Grace spends summers at Camp Modin in Maine, where she enjoys climbing ropes, towers and mountains, as well as nature, art, swimming, water skiing, and leading outdoor *Shabbat* services overlooking Salmon Lake.

Fulfilling a long-held desire, Grace will be reading the entire *Parsha, Sh'mot*, and the *Haftarah* from the book of Isaiah. Grace wishes to thank her brother, Adam; Arianne Slack; and the P.A.S. teachers and clergy for their excellent guidance.

Susan Moskovits

January 24, 2004

Susan Moskovits is a seventh-grade student at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School, which she has attended since pre-kindergarten. Her favorite subjects are English and art. Susan spent this past summer at camp Seneca Lake in Hartsdale, Pennsylvania, where she enjoyed talking with her friends, playing tennis, swimming and working on various art projects.

Susan and her family like to vacation and they spent 10 days this past summer hiking in western Canada, around Banff. One of the highlights of their trip was seeing both a grizzly bear and a full-grown black bear with her two cubs. Susan and her family enjoy spending weekends at their summer home in Connecticut where they go biking, hiking and swimming. They also enjoy quiet family moments around the fireplace during the cold winter nights.

As outdoorsy as Susan may seem, at heart she is a true city girl. She never misses a chance to shop or to meet friends to catch a movie. Susan is looking forward to celebrating her *Bat Mitzvah* with family and friends. She would like to thank the Cantors, Rabbis and teachers who prepared her for this special day. Without them, her *Bat Mitzvah* would not be possible.

Celebrating a *Simcha?*

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, etc? Sponsor a breakfast *Kiddush* any weekday after our Morning *Minyan*! Call Lynn Schneider in the Synagogue office for more information at (212) 369-2600.

Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:
Mr. Wayne Aaron & Mrs. Karyn Zeldman-Aaron, Dr. & Mrs. Richard Gilbert, Ms. Frances Levine, Dr. Jeffrey Schwam. We also welcome Jonathan Schlesinger, who joined P.A.S. as our new controller.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families:

Bonnie Englebardt, Susan Zises Green and Lois Zaro on the passing of their father, Meyer Steinberg.
Harriet Feiwel on the passing of her mother, Libby Rich.
Mark Fraier on the passing of his mother, Jean Fraier Leich.
Robert Klein on the passing of his mother, Hortense Ciner Klein.
The family of Dr. Sherman Kupfer.
Laurie Ferber Podolsky on the passing of her father, Leon Ferber.
Ruth Pordy on the passing of her husband, Dr. Leon Pordy.
James Rosenfeld on the passing of his father, Jay H. Rosenfeld.
Ruth Russ on the passing of her brother, Emanuel Rosenberg.
Joan Schreiber on the passing of her father, Isadore Perlmutter.
The family of Vicki Wimpfheimer.

The P.A.S. Bereavement Group

Those who have lost loved ones or friends will find support and understanding at Park Avenue Synagogue's Bereavement Group. The group meets monthly and is facilitated by Dr. Sheila Erlich, a licensed psychologist. The next meeting will take place on **Thursday, January 15, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** in the Family Room. For future dates and additional information, please call Rabbi Kenneth Stern at (212) 369-2600.

Jewish Life and Learning

Adult Study and Learning

Please call Sarah Gribetz, (212) 369-2600, ext. 140, to register or reserve. The cost for classes is $25/members, $40/non-members unless otherwise noted.

Book Discussion Group
Seven Mondays at 8:00 pm in the Library
Pat Davidson, Leader. Free of charge.
January 5: *If a Place Can Make You Cry* by Daniel Gordis (Scholar-in-Residence at the Shabbaton February 6 & 7)

Re-Tale: The History and Mystery of the Torah Service
Four Tuesdays, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Amichai Lau-Lavie, Instructor.
January 6, 13, 20, 27

Study Salon at the Home of Rabbi David H. Lincoln
Four Tuesdays, 7:30 pm-8:30 pm
Rabbi David Lincoln. Free of charge.
January 6, 13, 20, 27

Hebrew Language for Absolute Beginners
Eight Wednesdays, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Dr. Rivka Halperin, Instructor.
Begins January 14

Beyond Beginners: A Hebrew Class
Eight Wednesdays, 7:30 pm-8:45 pm
Varda Hubara, Instructor.
Begins January 14

Israel Now and Then: A Deeper Look at Key Historical Events in the Creation and Existence of the Modern State of Israel
Three Mondays, 6:45 pm-7:45 pm
Misha Avramoff, Instructor.
January 12, 26; February 2

Israel Through Film
Three Thursdays, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Lisa Samick, Instructor.
January 22: *Out for Love...Be Back Shortly* (Hebrew with English subtitles)

Family Education / *Kehillah*

Tot *Shabbat*
Join Jody Prusan from 11:15 am until Noon on the 5th floor for an uplifting service of prayer, dancing, story and song for toddlers through pre-school age.

- **Saturday, January 10 followed by *Shabbat* Lunch** (reservations required; please call Sarah Gribetz).
- **Saturday, January 24 followed by a child-friendly *Kiddush*.**

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Space is still available! Call today!

Congregational School

by Renee Ghert-Zand, Director of Education

The *MATAN* Program for Learning Differences at P.A.S.

The Congregational School is in its second year of offering a program to meet the needs of children with learning differences. This program was developed in consultation with *MATAN*: The Gift of Jewish Learning for Every Child, a multidisciplinary team of Jewish educators, special educators, and mental health professionals committed to designing and implementing modifications that enable Jewish schools to serve all children regardless of ability. Our *MATAN* program was piloted in 2002-2003 with a single class of six 9-11 year olds. This year, the program has expanded to two classes: *MATAN rishon* for children ages 6-7 and *MATAN sheni* for children ages 9-12.

MATAN represents the Synagogue's commitment both to educate all children Jewishly, and to act upon the established knowledge that each child learns differently and that some learners need additional resources to succeed in their academic environments. Utilizing a multi-sensory approach to learning and creative teaching, the *MATAN* curriculum is tailored to meet the needs of the unique strengths of the students in these classes. Although our *MATAN* students follow a unique curriculum, they are integrated with students in other Congregational School classes for special programming, including music, art, Israeli dance, holiday celebrations and *Shabbat* services.

The Hebrew word *MATAN* means "gift." The Talmud (*Sukkah 41*) tells us that "To get a gift means to return one." Indeed, it is our hope that *all* of our students will one day give back to the Jewish community in terms of commitment, involvement, leadership and continuity.

MATAN rishon students and teacher Sarah Robinson visit the Education Office as Rabbi Stern leads them on a tour of the Synagogue.

January Dates to Remember

- **Monday, January 5**—School resumes after winter break.
- **Friday, January 9**—*Zayin* & High School *Kabbalat Shabbat* service and dinner, 6:15 pm.
- **Saturday, January 10**—*Nitzanim Shabbat* service required for *Gan, Alef, Bet* & *MATAN rishon* families A-G.
- **Monday, January 12**—*Zayin* students attend afternoon service (parents invited), 5:45 pm.
- **Tuesday, January 13**—*Lomdim B'yachad* program for *Gan* parents, 4:00 pm.
- **Wednesday, January 14**—*Lomdim B'yachad* program for *Bet* parents, 5:00 pm.
- **Thursday, January 15**—*Lomdim B'yachad* program for *Alef* parents, 4:15 pm.
- **Saturday-Monday, January 17-19**—No school (MLK weekend).
- **Saturday, January 24**—*Nitzanim Shabbat* service required for *Gan, Alef, Bet* & *MATAN rishon* families H-Q.
- **Sunday, January 25**—*Vav Tefillin*-buying trip to Lower East Side led by Rabbi Stern (required for all *Vav* students and parents).
- **Friday, January 30**—*Gan, Alef, Bet* & *MATAN rishon Kabbalat Shabbat* service and dinner, 6:15 pm.
- **Saturday, January 31**—*Nitzanim Shabbat* service required for *Gan, Alef, Bet* & *MATAN rishon* families R-Z.

Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

by Lisa Samick

The P.A.S. High School Food Pantry at Thanksgiving

On Wednesday afternoon (the day before Thanksgiving), 10 High School students and two High School graduates home from college, came together to help make the holiday season a little brighter for some of the thousands of people in the N.Y.C. area who are in need of help. The line of people waiting for food was wrapped around the building — reaching as far as Park Avenue. Each family came inside and received a turkey, a pumpkin pie, and a bag of groceries for their holiday meal.

The real story, though, is the High School students behind the scenes—students who despite the pressures of their secular schools, their participation in our Hebrew High School, applying to college and their many other extracurricular activities are at the Synagogue week after week packing groceries and running our Food Pantry. You may not even know about these students—they come up to the

4th floor between classes, after school, and on weekends to create grocery bags for singles, doubles, families, and extra-large families. They are here every Friday afternoon from 3:00 pm until their work is done, distributing food to families in need. Seeing them is a truly incredible experience; the Food Pantry is an entirely student-run project exemplifying the Jewish values we strive to impart to them.

Early Childhood Center

by Carol Hendin, Director

Fun Ways To Learn About Jewish Traditions and Customs

We've all been very busy on the 5th and 6th floors. Wherever we can we try to include the children in Jewish traditions and customs. We had two wonderful *sheva brachas* (with the children who stay for lunch) for Rabbi Paulette and Jeremy, which included pizza and wedding cupcakes. The children were awestruck as we shared in the wedding celebration. Each class enjoyed a *Hanukkah* party with their families, complete with *latkes* and jelly doughnuts. Later in the month we hope all of the E.C.C. families will join us for our Family *Shabbat* Dinner; these dinners have always been enthusiastically enjoyed. In the past we've had over 300 in attendance to welcome in the Sabbath.

Kol Nidre Appeal 2003/5764

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all those who have given to our annual *Kol Nidre* Appeal between November 8, 2003 and December 8, 2003. Your generous donations help Park Avenue Synagogue maintain the level of our dynamic programming and community social action efforts, such as the Food Pantry.

The *Kol Nidre* Appeal is the only Synagogue-wide fundraising campaign that we conduct each year, and the funds that are raised help the annual Synagogue operating budget in countless ways. We are under new financial pressure because:

- Membership dues account for only 38% of the operating budget;
- Our security and insurance costs have more than tripled in the last two years;
- Maintaining our inspiring sanctuary and landmark facility, parts of which date back to 1927, requires constant attention and improvement.

More than ever we need your generous contributions. Again, our heartfelt thanks to those who have given. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a *Kol Nidre* pledge, we look forward to hearing from you.

B'shalom,

Marty Halbfinger
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January dates to remember

- **Thursday January 8**—Meet with Rabbi Lincoln.
- **Wednesday, January 14**—Baby Life CPR Seminar.
- **Thursday, January 15**—Parent Conferences for 2day Orange Room.
- **Friday, January 23**—Family *Shabbat* Dinner.

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Barbara & Jim Robbins, in honor of [the late] Vicki Wimpfheimer's 90th birthday.

Vivian Finkel Education Fund

Melanie Schneider, in memory of Anna Rekant, sister of Vivian Finkel.

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Dr. Leslie M. Hammel, in memory of his beloved father, Theodore Hammel.

High School Food Pantry

Vivian & Danny Bernstein, in memory of Libby Rich, mother of Harriet Feiwel.
Marcia & Joseph Bernstein, in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Elissa & Morton Baum.
Mrs. Nadine Habousha Cohen, in memory of her beloved father, Hayim V. Habousha.
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Susan & Lawrence Lerner, in honor of Joshua Parker's *Bar Mitzvah*.
Mrs. Nancy S. Levine, in honor of the marriage of Rabbi Paulette Gross to Mr. Jeremy Posner.
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Parents' Association, in memory of Laurie Ferber Podolsky's father, Leon Ferber.
Joan & Sylvan Schefler, in honor of the *Bar Mitzvah* of Ezra Glenn.
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Vera Wolff Sullivan, in honor of The Women's Evening Group.

Library Fund

Joseph & Dorothy Bamberger, in honor of Cantor Nancy Abramson on her son Ezra's *Bar Mitzvah*.
The Comite Family, in honor of Rabbis Lincoln, Stern, Gross; Cantors Lefkowitz, Abramson; Beryl Chernov and Mal Eisenberg.
[The late] Mrs. Vicki Wimpfheimer, in honor of her birthday.

Liturgical Music Fund

Joanne & Morton Davis, in honor of their anniversary.
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Prayer Book Fund

Joanne & Morton Davis, in memory of Judith Victorsohn Rosenberg.
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WEG, in honor of Ann & Mal Eisenberg.
[The late] Vicki Wimpfheimer, in honor of Hilda Davidson's 100th birthday.

Kalman Selig Book Fund

Mrs. Martha K. Selig, in memory of her beloved mother, Sadie Hammer Keiser.

Welfare Fund

Elissa & Morton Baum, in memory of our beloved friend, Tiny Weintraub.
Mrs. Patricia Fuchs.
Eleanore & Harold Geringer, in honor of the clergy, with thanks.
Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz, in memory of their loved ones.
Mr. Albert Sussman.
Mrs. Selma Weintraub & Family, in memory of Morris (Tiny) Weintraub.

Synagogue Offerings

Mrs. Deanna Adler, in memory of her beloved brother, Michael Herbert Zeitlin.
Dr. Jean Bachman, in memory of her beloved father-in law, Samuel Bachman.
Mr. Morton Baum, in memory of his beloved mother, Sarah Baum.
Mr. Murray Berman, in memory of my beautiful beloved wife and everlasting friend, Millicent.
Mrs. Florence Bernstein, in memory of her beloved husband, Philip Bernstein.
Dr. Samuel Berson, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Esther G. Biederman, in honor of her birthday.
Dr. Manfred Brust, in memory of his beloved father, Abraham Chaim Brust.
Mrs. Carol Cohen, in honor of her birthday.
Dr. Juliet Demb, in memory of her beloved father, Meyer Cooper.
Ms. Beverly Diamond, in memory of her beloved father, David Diamond.
Ms. Dorothy Diamond, in memory of her beloved father, David Diamond.
Ruth Druss, in honor of [the late] Vicki Wimpfheimer's 90th birthday.
Judge & Mrs. Conrad B. Duberstein, in honor of their anniversary.
Mrs. Rhoda Elkies, in memory of her beloved father, Sumner Stopnik.
Mrs. Susan Fischer, in memory of her beloved father, Joseph Glatzer.
Ms. Yola Friedman, in memory of her beloved grandmother, Rifka Gertel.
Ruth Fuhrman, with thanks to Rabbi Stern and all the clergy for the prayers offered for my recovery.
Mr. Clifford S. Gelb, in honor of his birthday.
Mr. Marshall Gluck, in memory of his beloved wife, Ruth Rubin Gluck.
Mrs. Martha Gold, in memory of her beloved son, Leonard Gold.
Mrs. Roz Goldberg, in memory of her beloved father, Harry H. Samberg.
Dr. James A. Goldman, in honor of his birthday.
Dr. James A. Goldman, in memory of his beloved father, Mandel Goldman.
Mrs. Elsie Goll, in memory of her beloved sister, Irma Goldberg.
Ms. Barbara Goltzer, in memory of her beloved grandmother, Rifka Gertel.
Mr. Richard S. Green, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Louise Hamilton, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Louise Hamilton, in memory of her beloved mother, Frances Myers.
Dr. Leslie M. Hammel, in honor of Mal & Ann Eisenberg.
Elsa & Albert Heller, in honor of [the late] Vicki Wimpfheimer on her 90th birthday.
Elsa & Albert Heller, in honor of Hilda Davidson on her 100th birthday.
Mr. Leon I. Heller, in memory of` his beloved brother, Harold M. Heller.
Mr. Leon I. Heller, in memory of his beloved father, Max J. Heller.
Mr. Lewis Honig, in memory of his beloved mother, Lillian Honig.
Dr. Michael Jacobs, in memory of his beloved father, Daniel Jacobs.
Mrs. Anne Katz, in honor of her birthday.
Mr. David Kekst, in memory of his beloved sister, Michele Kekst.
Mr. & Mrs. Gershon Kekst, in honor of their anniversary.
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Kingsley, in honor of their son's *Brit*.
Mrs. Sherry Klein, in memory of her beloved husband, Barry Klein.
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Kreinik, in honor of their anniversary, and his birthday.
Mr. Aron Krell, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Lucy Lam, in honor of her birthday.
Ms. Stephanie Later, in memory of her beloved father, Meyer Later.
Leonard & Joan Leiman, in loving memory of Sally Leiman Joffe.
Mr. Edward Lipiner, in honor of his *Simhat Torah Aliyah*.
Mr. Edward Lipiner, in memory of his beloved father, Edmund Lipiner.
Mrs. Miriam London, in memory of her beloved mother, Pearl Schechterson.
Dr. Ann Lyons, in memory of her beloved sister, Ruth Moskowitz Gershon.
Mrs. Sandra Markman, in memory of her beloved mother, Laura Goldenberg.
Ms. Stacey Thaler-Markman, in memory of her beloved father, Charles Thaler.
Mrs. Elaine Marks, in memory of her beloved father, Isidore S. Miller.
Mr. Wayne Miller, in memory of his beloved mother, Sadie Miller.
Mr. Herbert Nadler, in honor of his birthday.
Ms. Rachel Philipp, in memory of her beloved father, Voytech Furchtgott.
Ms. Rachel Philipp, in memory of her beloved mother, Chana Sarah Furchtgott.
Mrs. Ellen Zweig Phillips, in memory of her beloved father, Henry L. Zweig.
Dr. & Mrs. Brian Pollack, in honor of their anniversary.
Mrs. Anne Rosberger, in honor of her birthday.
Dr. Seligman Rosenberg, in memory of his beloved father, Dr. Max Rosenberg.
Mr. Robert De Rothschild, in memory of his beloved wife, Debra De Rothschild.
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Rutman, in honor of their anniversary.
Mr. & Dr. Frederick Ruvkin, in honor of their anniversary.
Mrs. Sondra Schaeffler, in memory of her beloved mother, Fanny Schwalbendorf.
Melanie Schneider, in memory of Libby Rich, mother of Harriet Feiwel.
Melanie Schneider, in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Elissa & Morton Baum.
Melanie Schneider, in honor of the 90th birthday of [the late] Vicki Wimpfheimer.
Mr. Harvey Schulweis, in memory of his beloved father, Irving Schulweis.
Dr. Gloria Shafer, in memory of her beloved mother, Betty Siegel.
Mrs. Rita Shapiro, in memory of her beloved mother, Eva Lubin.
Mrs. Rita Shapiro, in honor of her birthday.
Mrs. Sylvia Shulman, in memory of her beloved husband, Major Max Shulman.
Mr. Sheldon Siskin, in memory of his beloved mother, Gertrude Siskin.
Mrs. Rochelle Spergel., in memory of her beloved mother, Dorothy Leffert.
Dr. Jenny Stricker, in honor of her birthday.
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Mrs. Tobie Wiesen, in memory of her beloved husband, Irving Wiesen.
Mr. Kurt Wimpfheimer, in memory of his beloved father, Max Wimpfheimer.
Dr. Abraham Yurkofsky, in honor of his birthday.
Mrs. Laure Zacharias, in memory of her beloved mother, Selma Zivy.
Mrs. Arlyne B. Zeichner, in memory of her beloved father, Irving Aaron Bailey.
Mrs. Penny Zorn, in memory of her beloved father, Maxwell Shapiro.

Tikkun Olam *Committee for Community Outreach*

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Levenson, in memory of his beloved father, Milton Levenson.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Levenson, in memory of her beloved father, Juan Levi.
Ruth and Sam Perelson and Linda and Jerry Spitzer, in honor of the marriage of Rabbi Paulette Gross and Jeremy Posner.
Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Porges.
Miriam Wallerstein, in honor of Rabbi Paulette Gross and Mr. Jeremy Posner.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for JANUARY 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY **Schedule of Hours:** Mondays 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm Tuesdays 10:00 am to 6:30 pm Wednesdays 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm Thursdays 3:00 pm to 8:30 pm Sundays 9:30 am to 12:30 pm		**REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM** Monday - Friday at 7:15 am Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 am Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 pm Saturday afternoons at 4:45 pm (January 3 at 4:30 pm; January 31 at 5:00 pm)		1	2 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 4:20 pm Light Candles	3 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service
4 Fast of *Tevet*	5 7:30 pm WEG Board Meeting 8:00 pm Book Discussion Group	6 8:00 am Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 12:00 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	7	8 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 6:45 pm ECC Parents' Association with Rabbi David Lincoln	9 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service Children's January Birthday Service 4:26 Light Candles	10 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service *Bar Mitzvah* of Harold Lander 9:30 am *Havurah* Service 11:15 am Tot *Shabbat* Service & Lunch
11 8:30 am Nursery School Play Session	12	13 8:00 am Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 6:00 pm Officers' Meeting 7:30 pm Men's Club Investment Seminar	14 6:30 pm ECC Baby Life Seminar 7:45 pm Young Couples Group	15 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 4:00 pm Bereavement Group 8:15 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	16 6:15 pm *Rinah U'Tefilah* Friday Evening Service & Literary Dinner 4:34 pm Light Candles	17 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service *Bat Mitzvah* of Grace Mandelsberg
18	19	20 8:00 am Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 1:00 pm Sisterhood Open Meeting	21	22 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn	23 5:15 pm Early Childhood *Shabbat* Service & Dinner 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 7:00 pm *Minyan Ma'alot* 4:42 pm Light Candles	24 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am Sanctuary Service *Bat Mitzvah* of Susan Moskovits 9:30 am *Havurah* Service 11:15 am Tot *Shabbat* Service & *Kiddush*
25 3:00 pm *Havdallah* Art Workshop	26 7:30 pm WEG Open Meeting	27 8:00 am Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln	28	29 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn	30 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 4:51 pm Light Candles	31 7:30 am *Hashkama* Service 9:15 am *Shabbat* Morning Plus Sanctuary Service

Listings are accurate as of December 1, 2003. Dates & times are subject to change. Please check with the Synagogue office to confirm calendar information.

A Look Ahead

Shabbaton
Our Heart Is in the East: The Place of Israel in the Lives of American Jewry
Friday-Saturday, February 6-7

The *Shabbaton*, sponsored by the Family Education/*Kehillah* Department, gives us the opportunity to come together as a true community of learners to experience *Shabbat* in a relaxed, yet intensive way. Beginning on Friday evening with *Kabbalat Shabbat* and dinner, continuing through *Shabbat* morning services, lunch and afternoon study, and concluding with a musical *Havdallah* service, the *Shabbaton* will allow all of us to explore and reflect on a specific theme of utmost importance.

- **Scholar-in-Residence: Dr. Daniel H. Gordis.** Danny Gordis is Director of the Jerusalem Fellows Program, and a member of the Senior Staff of the Mandel Foundation Sector on Jewish Education and Continuity, based in Jerusalem. Since moving to Israel in 1998, Dr. Gordis has been writing and speaking extensively on Israeli society, life in Israel, and most recently the collapse of peace.
- **Special for Teens.** A Friday night dessert and discussion with Rabbi Gordis on the challenges facing Israelis today and an up-to-the minute report on the situation in the Middle East.
- ***Mifgash*: Visit With Young Israelis.** Post-Army Israeli youth educators, *Achai VeRe'ai*, will provide a glimpse into Israel with dynamic and vibrant activities for school-aged children.
- **Toddlers and Pre-schoolers.** Israel-related activities and programs with Jonathan Bayer and Jody Prusan.
- ***T"U B'Sh'vat* Seder.** Celebrate the New Year for the trees and discover the special bond we have with *Eretz Yisrael*, the Land of Israel.

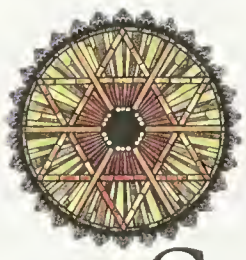
Space is limited. Call (212) 369-2600, ext. 142, or e-mail *familyed@pasyn.org* to reserve your place.

Sisters of the Resistance: A Film About Righteous Gentiles
Monday, February 9 at 7:30 pm

WEG will honor the many non-Jewish people who risked their own lives because of their inner drive for moral decency with the showing of this moving film, which was shown on public TV.

Nurturing Your Child's Spirituality
Wednesday, February 11 at 7:30 pm

Join the Young Couples Group for a fascinating discussion led by Jonathan Katz, C.S.W., Director, and Rabbi Stephanie Dickstein, Pastoral Care Coordinator, both with the Jewish Connections Programs. The location will be announced.



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